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VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT RECOGNIZES TWO EMPLOYEES AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING

Doug Jones was named Employee of the Year and Raquel Sandoval received the Award of Achievement at the Ventura Superior Court's Annual Meeting on January 30, 2003. Both awards were presented by Executive Officer Michael Planet.

The employee of the year is chosen from among the court's 12 employees of the month. Selection for this honor is based on job performance and service to the court. "Every year, this is one of the toughest choices we make, because so many are deserving of the award," said Planet. "But only one person can be selected to be the Employee of the Year."

Employee of the Year Doug Jones was described as extremely dedicated and always pleasant to work with. A Court Office Systems Coordinator II in the Automation and Technology unit, he began his career with the court in the Records and Exhibits unit. He has also worked in the Criminal/Traffic unit. He has been with the court for 16 years.

The Award of Achievement recognizes an employee who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to represent the Ventura Superior Court in our community. Recipient Raquel Sandoval, who staffs the court's Self-Help Legal Access Center in the La Colonia neighborhood of Oxnard, was recognized for her efforts to increase public awareness about the many programs and services offered by the court.

Most recently, she started a “Tips of the Day” program with KOXR Spanish radio in Oxnard. Topics have included information on how to avoid being late for court, how to become a foster parent, and other general information. She has also recorded programs on the court’s Self-Help Legal Access Center, Mobile Self-Help Center, and family law facilitators for another Spanish-language radio station, KXLM.

“Raquel has been a tremendous ambassador for the court, talking about the court’s programs to any church or civic group she can persuade,” said Planet.

Raquel is presently a Court Processing Assistant III in the court’s Self-Help Legal Access Center. She has previously worked in the Family Law and Criminal/Traffic units. She has been with the court nine years.

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